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On 15 March 1955, 500 construction workers [redacted] assigned to construction work on Michterstaedt airfield went on strike because of various grievances about wages and special allowances. On the same day, the local shop trade union management (BGL) called a meeting which was also attended by three representatives of the Berlin headquarters of Bau Union Naumarkt. At this meeting, the construction workers demanded the same pay and allowances as those granted to West German workers and the immediate release of the members of the present BGL and of the political commissar. In view of the urgency of the construction project involved, the Soviets induced the German authorities to grant all the demands of the workers until June.

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